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TARGET NUCLEIC ACID USING  
THE SAME      **Dated:** January 30, 2004

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. US 2,229,911 B1, dated May 8, 2001, issued to Balaban et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. US 6,225,067 B1, dated May 1, 2001, issued to Rogers;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,843,767, dated December 1, 1998, issued to Beattie;

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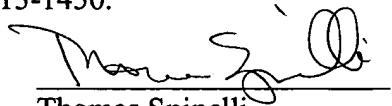
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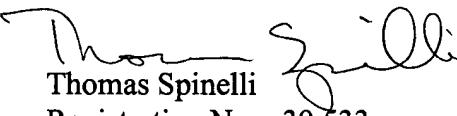
  
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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-83163, published March 30, 2001;
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-342264, published December 12, 2000;
6. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-504864, published May 13, 1997;
7. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-316560, published November 21, 2000; and
8. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-511546, published August 14, 2001.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated December 3, 2002 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of references 4-8 together with a copy of the Search Report. References 1-3 are not being submitted, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) (2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003.

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